25 November 2016

**Geotechnical investigations – Leichhardt**

Work is underway on WestConnex, which involves widening and extending the M4 motorway, duplicating the M5 motorway and joining the M4 and M5 to create a free-flowing motorway network.

Planning continues for the proposed M4-M5 Link – the third stage of the WestConnex project linking the M4 at Haberfield to the M5 at St Peters via underground tunnels. For more information, visit westconnex.com.au/M4-M5Link.

Geotechnical investigations will be undertaken in **John Street, Leichhardt**, between Moore Street and Hill Street, from **Monday 5 December 2016**.

Generally, work will take place **between 7.00 am and 6.00 pm from Monday to Friday and between 8.00 am and 1.00 pm on Saturday**. There will be no work on Sunday or public holidays. A diagram showing how geotechnical samples are taken is shown overleaf.

The work at this location is expected to take up to three weeks to complete, weather permitting, and will involve:

- identifying underground services and utilities and marking out locations for each borehole
- setting up a safe work area with site specific environmental controls for each site
- traffic and pedestrian management to ensure the safety of motorists, residents and workers
- collecting borehole soil and rock samples.

A temporary worksite with safety fencing will be set up at the location to securely contain the drilling equipment.

Every effort will be made to minimise the impact of work, including using non-tonal reversing beepers on all machinery, turning off equipment and vehicles when not in use and, where possible, directing noisy equipment away from residences. Access to residential properties will be maintained at all times. All worksites will also be restored to their original condition.

If you would like further information, please call 1800 660 248 and ask to speak with a member of the M4-M5 Link project team or email info@westconnex.com.au.

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WestConnex is part of a broader transport plan for Sydney which includes improved public transport, such as Sydney Metro and light rail, as well as better, more reliable motorway solutions. More than two-thirds of WestConnex will be built underground. Once complete, motorists will be able to avoid up to 52 sets of traffic lights and enjoy significant travel time savings.
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